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To establish a grant program to return a portion of the savings realized by the Department of Defense as a result of the closure or realignment of a military installation to the communities in which the installation is located to assist in the economic recovery and adjustment of these communities.

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Mr. STUPAK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Community Reinvest-
5 ment and Recovery Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF GRANT PROGRAM.**

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Defense
3 shall establish a program to make grants under this Act
4 to assist local communities in recovering from the adverse
5 economic impact of the closure or major realignment of
6 a military installation under a base closure law.

7 (b) DETERMINATIONS OF GRANT ELIGIBILITY.—
8 Within 180 days after the date on which a closure or re-
9 alignment announcement is made with regard to a military
10 installation under a base closure law, the Secretary shall
11 determine the unit or units of local government of commu-
12 nities adjacent to the installation that are eligible to re-
13 ceive a grant under this Act. In the case of military instal-
14 lations already announced for closure or realignment, the
15 Secretary shall make the determinations required by this
16 subsection within 180 days after the effective date of this
17 Act.

18 (c) PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE.—A grant under this
19 section shall be made by the Secretary through existing
20 Federal programs. The Secretary may use the grant to
21 supplement funds made available under other Federal pro-
22 grams and may provide financial assistance to eligible
23 local governments determined under subsection (b) to as-
24 sist such governments to pay their share of the costs under
25 such programs.

1 (d) COOPERATION.—The heads of all departments
2 and agencies of the Federal Government shall cooperate
3 fully with the Secretary in carrying out subsection (c). The
4 heads of such departments and agencies shall give priority
5 attention to applications from eligible local governments
6 determined under subsection (b) for priority funding
7 under assistance programs within their annual agency ap-
8 propriations.

9 **SEC. 3. ECONOMIC RECOVERY PLAN.**

10 (a) PLAN REQUIRED.—To be eligible for a grant
11 under section 2, an eligible local government determined
12 under subsection (b) of such section shall submit to the
13 Secretary a comprehensive local economic recovery plan
14 developed by the local government. Such plan shall de-
15 scribe the steps being taken or planned to be taken by
16 the local community to recover from the adverse economic
17 impact of the closure or major realignment and shall in-
18 clude a detailed description of the programs for which the
19 grant will be used.

20 (b) EVALUATION.—For the plan to be approved and
21 assistance provided under section 2(c), the Secretary must
22 find that the proposed use of the grant funds will—

23 (1) improve opportunities for the establishment
24 or expansion of industrial or commercial activity in
25 the community;

1 (2) create new jobs in the community; or

2 (3) otherwise alleviate specific economic prob-
3 lems in the community which limit the effective eco-
4 nomic recovery from the closure or major realign-
5 ment.

6 (c) SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION.—Eligible local
7 governments may submit an application or applications to
8 the Secretary through the cooperating departments and
9 agencies under section 2(c) at any time after the date on
10 which the Secretary determines under section 2(b) that
11 the local government is eligible for assistance.

12 (d) REVIEW.—The Secretary shall review and act
13 upon applications submitted by an eligible local govern-
14 ment within 90 days of the date of submission.

15 **SEC. 4. AMOUNT OF FUNDS.**

16 (a) AMOUNT OF FUNDS AVAILABLE.—The amount of
17 funds to be made available as grants under section 2 with
18 respect to the closure or major realignment of a military
19 installation shall be equal to 10 percent of the total pro-
20 jected savings to be realized by the Department of Defense
21 in the first 10 years after the closure or major realignment
22 of the installation as a result of the closure or realignment.
23 The amount of the projected savings shall be determined
24 by the Secretary as soon as possible after the date of the
25 announcement of the closure or realignment.

1 (b) FUNDING REQUESTS.—The Secretary shall sub-
2 mit to the Congress annually such budgetary requests for
3 funds to make grants under section 2 as may be necessary.
4 Such requests shall be made separate from the normal ap-
5 propriation requests of the Department of Defense.

6 **SEC. 5. ANNUAL REPORTS.**

7 (a) REPORTS FROM GRANT RECIPIENTS.—Any unit
8 of local government receiving a grant under section 2 for
9 any fiscal year shall, not later than 90 days before the
10 end of such fiscal year, submit a report to the Secretary
11 concerning the progress of the local community in recover-
12 ing from the effects of the closure or major realignment
13 and the purposes for which grant money received under
14 section 2 was used during such fiscal year. The report
15 shall include—

16 (1) a revision of the comprehensive local eco-
17 nomic recovery plan originally submitted under sec-
18 tion 3; and

19 (2) a statement of all expenditures of grant
20 money received under section 2 during such fiscal
21 year.

22 (b) EVALUATION OF REPORTS.—If the Secretary
23 finds that a report submitted under subsection (a) for any
24 fiscal year discloses that the use during such fiscal year
25 of grant money received under section 2 by the unit of

1 local government submitting such report was not consist-
2 ent with the purposes of this Act, the Secretary may sus-
3 pend any remaining grant payments and terminate grant
4 application eligibility under this Act to such unit of local
5 government until the Secretary receives satisfactory assur-
6 ances that the use of such grant money in the future will
7 be consistent with the purposes of this Act.

8 **SEC. 6. REGULATIONS.**

9 The Secretary shall prescribe general regulations cov-
10 ering the eligibility of units of local government for grants
11 under section 2, the order of priority in approving applica-
12 tions, the terms and conditions for approving applications,
13 determinations of the amounts of grants, and such other
14 regulations as the Secretary considers to be necessary to
15 carry out this Act.

16 **SEC. 7. DEFINITIONS.**

17 For purposes of this Act:

18 (1) The term “military installation” means any
19 camp, post, station, fort, base, yard, facility, or
20 other installation under the authority of the Depart-
21 ment of Defense—

22 (A) which is located within any of the sev-
23 eral States, the District of Columbia, the Com-
24 monwealth of Puerto Rico, or Guam; and

1 (B) at which there are authorized to be
2 employed not less than 500 direct-hire or con-
3 tracted permanent civilian employees of the De-
4 partment of Defense or at which the total mili-
5 tary and civilian personnel loss constitutes more
6 than 2 percent of the total military and civilian
7 work force for the impacted area.

8 (2) The terms “unit of local government” and
9 “local government” mean—

10 (A) a general purpose unit of local govern-
11 ment; or

12 (B) an entity established by a State, gen-
13 eral purpose unit of local government, or com-
14 bination of general purpose units of local gov-
15 ernment for the purposes of achieving economic
16 recovery in an area adversely affected by the
17 closure or realignment of a military installation.

18 (3) The term “base closure law” means each of
19 the following:

20 (A) The Defense Base Closure and Re-
21 alignment Act of 1990 (part A of title XXIX of
22 Public Law 101–510; 10 U.S.C. 2687 note).

23 (B) Title II of the Defense Authorization
24 Amendments and Base Closure and Realign-

1 ment Act (Public Law 100–526; 10 U.S.C.
2 2687 note).

3 **SEC. 8. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

4 There are authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
5 retary such sums as may be necessary to carry out this
6 Act. The funds appropriated pursuant to this section shall
7 be available for a period not to exceed 10 years.

8 **SEC. 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

9 (a) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This Act shall take effect on
10 October 1, 1993.

11 (b) APPLICABILITY.—This Act shall apply with re-
12 spect to those military installations selected to be closed
13 or realigned under the base closure laws before, on, or
14 after the effective date of this Act.

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